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Four Seasons Housing to Expand Operations in Elkhart County, Create 120 New Jobs

MIDDLEBURY, Ind. (September 20, 2005)—Four Seasons Housing, a manufacturer of mobile and modular homes, will construct a major expansion of their existing operations with support and assistance from the state of Indiana through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

“Strengthening Indiana’s manufacturing base is essential to our economic recovery,” said Governor Daniels. “The talented workforce we have in Elkhart County and in counties throughout the state is essential to our efforts to help companies like Four Seasons decide to expand operations in Indiana.”

Four Seasons, founded in 1994, currently employs more than 400 at three separate plants in the area and will create more than 120 new jobs by 2008.

The manufactured housing company began work on the 136,000 sq. ft. building this month, and expects to have the plant operating by March 31. The new plant, to be located near the company’s main site along County Road 2 in Middlebury, will allow Four Seasons to produce a variety of mobile and modular homes that current facilities cannot accommodate.

The economic development incentives offered by the IEDC include:

- Approximately \$105,000 in training grants from the Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF) to train Indiana resident employees;
- Up to \$400,000 in tax credits for certain company investments through the Hoosier Business Investment (HBI) tax credit program.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in Feb. 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. The IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels. Patricia R. Miller, chief executive officer and secretary of commerce of the IEDC, serves in the Governor’s cabinet.